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Case No. 5615B

Customer No. 25280

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application of: Higgins et al.
 Serial Number: 10/827,476
 Filed: April 19, 2004
 For: SURFACE COVERING
 Group Art Unit: 1771
 Examiner: Juska, Cheryl Ann

REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

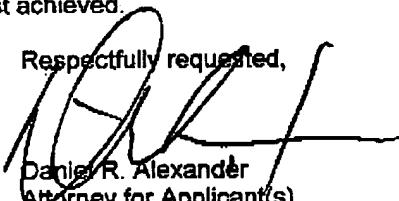
Mail Stop Petition
 Commissioner of Patents
 P. O. Box 1450
 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Attorney for Applicant(s) hereby requests an extension of time of three (3) months in which to respond to the Action which was mailed March 24, 2006. Upon granting this request Applicant's response will be due on September 24, 2006. Please charge the \$1,020.00 fee and any additional fees, and credit any overpayment, for this Extension of Time to our deposit account number 04-0500.

It is respectfully urged that this request is proper and that it be granted to provide the additional time necessary to formulate a satisfactory response to this Official Action. It is believed that by granting this request further prosecution of this application will be expedited and Applicant's interest in achieving the best possible protection for his invention can be best achieved.

Respectfully requested,

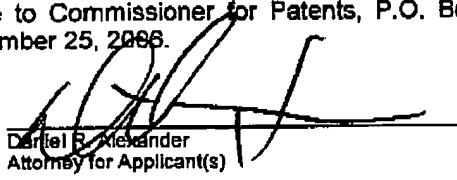

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